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In re Patent Application of)	
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Application No.: Unassigned)	Examiner: Unassigned
(Corresponds to PCT/FR97/02444))	
International Filing Date: 29 December 1997)	
For: USE OF MIXTURES WITH BASE OF)	
Pt AND OF TRANSITION METAL)	
COMPOUNDS OTHER THAN Pt)	
FOR IMPROVING THE)	
RESISTANCE TO ARC TRACKING)	
AND TO ARC EROSION OF)	
SILICON ELASTOMERS)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) [Use, as an additive] A composition for enhancing the arc-tracking

and arc-erosion resistance properties of an article comprising:

an effective amount of a mixture A, B or C formed from:

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